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1. THE INDIAN PILOTS GUILD (IPG) REPRESENTING THE STRIKING AIR INDIA PILOTS ON OCTOBER 27 CALLED OFF THE 88-DAY STRIKE CALLED AGAINST THE "SLIP" SYSTEM OF SCHEDULING THE PILOTS' WORK. ONLY FACE-SAVING PEG IPG ABLE TO HAND ITS RETREAT ON WAS FACT THAT LEGALITY OF MANAGEMENT'S LOCKOUT IS NOW BEING TESTED IN COURT. MANAGEMENT, HOWEVER, HAS REFUSED TO LIFT LOCKOUT UNTIL IPG, ON BEHALF OF UNL PILOTS, OR INDIVIDUAL PILOTS SIGN DECLARATION RECOGNIZING MANAGEMENT'S EXCLUSIVE RIGHT SCHEDULE WORK. IPG HAS DIRECTED ITS MEMBERS NOT TO SIGN, AND DISPUTE REMAINS UNRESOLVED. TOTAL OF 67 OUT OF 213 PILOTS REPORTEDLY HAVE ACCEPTED MANAGEMENT'S TERMS AND RETURNED TO WORK THUS FURTHER UNDERMINING UNION'S POSITION.

2. GOI HAS THROUGHOUT AIR INDIA CONFLICT SUPPORTED MANAGEMENT BY NOT PROVIDING IPG A FACE-SAVING OUT AND ALLOWING ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED BY A TEST OF STRENGTH IN WHICH COMPANY HAS PREVAILED.

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ON OCTOBER 29, GOI ANNOUNCED PROSECUTION OF FOURTEEN PILOTS

FOR PARTICIPATION IN ILLEGAL STRIKE. THIS MOVE AGAINST STRIKE ACTIVISTS SHOULD FURTHER "PERSUADE" PILOTS TO RETURN TO WORK ON COMPANY'S TERMS AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN OF FIFTEEN MORE PILOTS TO WORK ON OCTOBER 30. MANAGEMENT'S STANCE HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC GENERALLY AND EVEN BY SOME UNION LEADERS WHO CONSIDER PILOTS TO BE AN "OVER-PAID, PAMPERED ELITE."

3. TWO-DAY TOKEN STRIKE OF COAL MINE WORKERS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28-29 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEW MINISTER OF ENERGY K.C. PANT TO ALLOW HIM TIME TO STUDY THE STRIKE ISSUES. COMMENT: MOST PARTIES CLOSE TO COAL DISPUTE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE SETTLED WITHOUT A LONG STRIKE.
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